

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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WATER USE EFFICIENCY

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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the efficiency of usage of water in agricultural, industrial and domestic sectors;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to set up the National Bureau of Water use efficiency;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the timeline for setting up the same;
- (e) whether the issue of 20 per cent improvement in water use efficiency was discussed in the recently concluded conference of Water Resources and Irrigation Ministers; and
- (f) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES ( SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) The Government of India has launched the National Water Mission with the objective of 'conservation of water, minimizing wastage and ensuring its more equitable distribution both across and within States through integrated water resources development and management'. One of the goals of National Water Mission is 'increasing existing water use efficiency by 20%' across various sectors.

The Government has also launched a National Mission on Micro Irrigation for implementation of micro irrigation (drip and sprinkler) technology in irrigation which greatly enhances water use efficiency.

(b) to (d) Yes, Madam. The proposal to set up National Bureau of Water Use Efficiency inter alia envisages taking necessary steps to improve water use efficiency and encourage conservation of water in agriculture, domestic and industrial sectors. The EFC Memorandum for setting up of National Bureau of Water Use Efficiency has been circulated.

(e) & (f) Yes, Madam. During the National Conference of State Water Resources and Irrigation Ministers held on 3rd October, 2012 at New Delhi, the issue of 20% improvement in existing water use efficiency was also discussed. Accordingly, the State Governments have been urged to take measures for improving water use efficiency across various sectors.